

**Amendments to and Listing of the Claims:**

Please *amend claims 58, 68 and 77*, and *cancel claims 59, 66-67, 69-70 and 78-79*, all without prejudice, as shown below in the following listing of all claims ever presented in the instant application. The following listing of claims replaces all prior versions thereof.

1-57. (Canceled)

58. **(Currently Amended)** A method comprising:

- (a) providing a microemulsion comprising ~~an~~ a natural oil and an emulsifier system, wherein the emulsifier system comprises a hydrophilic emulsifier, ~~and~~ a lipophilic cationic emulsifier, and 40 to 90 wt% of water, wherein the hydrophilic emulsifier comprises an ethoxylated fatty alcohol; and
- (b) contacting a fabric with the microemulsion in an automatic washing machine during a rinse cycle.

59. **(Canceled)**

60. **(Previously Presented)** The method according to claim 58, wherein the microemulsion has a droplet size  $d_{50}$  of less than 500 nm.

61. **(Previously Presented)** The method according to claim 58, wherein the microemulsion further comprises a cationic polymer.

62. **(Previously Presented)** The method according to claim 61, wherein the cationic polymer is present in an amount less than 10 wt. %, based on the microemulsion.

63. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 62, wherein the cationic polymer comprises a polymeric quaternary ammonium compound.

64. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 58, wherein the microemulsion further comprises a sequestering agent.

65. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 64, wherein the sequestering agent comprises a component selected from the group consisting of citrates, citric acid, gluconates, gluconic acid, phosphates, phosphonates, carboxylates, ethylenediaminetetraacetic acid and salts thereof, nitrilotriacetic acid and salts thereof, diethylenetriaminepentaacetic acid and salts thereof, propylenediaminetetraacetic acid and salts thereof, alaninediacetic acid and salts thereof, methylglycinediacetic acid and salts thereof, iminodisuccinic acid and salts thereof, a trisodium salt of ethylenediamine-N,N'-disuccinic acid, and mixtures thereof.

66. (Canceled)

67. (Canceled)

68. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim ~~67~~ 58, wherein the cationic lipophilic emulsifier comprises a quaternary ammonium compound.

69. (Canceled)

70. (Canceled)

71. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 58, wherein the oil is present in an amount of 0.5 to 50 wt. %, based on the microemulsion.

72. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 58, wherein the microemulsion further comprises a thickener, and wherein the thickener is present in an amount of 0.05 to 3 wt. %, based on the emulsion.

73. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 58, wherein the microemulsion has a pH less than or equal to 6.5 at 20°C., as measured via a 1% aqueous solution of the microemulsion.

74. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 58, wherein the microemulsion further comprises an acidic buffer.

75. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 58, wherein the microemulsion has a viscosity of 5 to 300 mPas, measured with a Brookfield-Viskosimeter DV II at 22° C., 20 rpm, spindle 3.

76. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 58, wherein the microemulsion has a density of 0.900 to 1.050 g/cm at 22° C.

77. **(Currently Amended)** A microemulsion comprising: ~~an~~ a natural oil, an antioxidant, and an emulsifier system; wherein the emulsifier system comprises a hydrophilic emulsifier, ~~and a lipophilic emulsifier, and 40 to 90 wt% of water, wherein the hydrophilic emulsifier comprises an ethoxylated fatty alcohol;~~ and wherein the microemulsion has a droplet size  $d_{50}$  less than 500 nm.

78. (Canceled)

79. (Canceled)

80. (Previously Presented) The microemulsion according to claim 77, further comprising a cationic polymer.

81. (Previously Presented) The microemulsion according to claim 77, further comprising an acidic buffer.